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UTAH STATE NEWS.

The Lace House, one of Salt Lake's largest dry goods houses, has filed a petition in bankruptcy.

Clyde Fuller of Green River fell from a loft about twelve feet to the ground and broke his arm, besides receiving other injuries.

A leading hotel of Salt Lake City has placed a ban on cigarette smoking by its employees, habitual smoking being cause for discharge.

A gun club has been organized at Pleasant Grove with twenty members, it being the intention to challenge all comers in shotgun shooting.

Assistant County Physician Odell of Salt Lake county was the victim of a sleighing accident last week, in which he sustained a broken collar bone.

The bowling clubs of Payson and Springville had a contest of five games at the latter place last week. The Springville club was victorious by 392 points.

The cases of diphtheria reported from Manti recently have all been eradicated and again health and strength is reported by the health board.

While coasting in Salt Lake City, Joseph Calder, aged 17, ran into an electric light pole, his skull being crushed, death ensuing within half an hour after the accident.

Lester Chipman, aged 14, of American Fork, was thrown from a cutter one day last week, his head striking a telegraph pole, inflicting injuries which will lay him up for some time.

For the past two years the receipts of the Ogden city police court have been \$65,013.05, of which \$62,268.50 was from fines and forfeitures and the balance miscellaneous receipts.

H. C. Hudson, aged 70, was found unconscious on the Spring Branch road in Grand county, having been stricken by apoplexy. Mr. Hudson was one of the early pioneers of this state.

All arrangements for a conjoint debate between the University of Utah and the Colorado College of Colorado Springs have been completed and the two schools will meet in Salt Lake City on the 22nd of April.

Henry Crouse of Moab has received a new commission of notary public. At the expiration of his term he will have been in continuous service for twenty-three years. He was the first notary public in Grand county.

F. N. Christiansen of Ephraim came near meeting death last week when he was thrown from a sled and severely kicked on the breast by a horse. He will be unable to attend to his usual duties for several days.

The senate, in executive session, has confirmed the following nominations of postmasters in Utah: Edwin R. Booth, Nephi; John Peters, American Fork; Larson Lawrence, Spanish Fork; Joseph O'Dell, Logan.

Wilden & Black have bought the old telegraph line from Parowan to Beaver. They have sold twenty-five miles of wire to St. George parties and will use the rest of it for fencing purposes around their farms in Beaver.

Otto Sieloff of Chicago was given the decision over Jerry McCarthy in Salt Lake on the 29th, at the end of twenty slow rounds. McCarthy was unable to land effectively on the eastern welterweight at any stage of the fight.

The Commercial club of Manti has taken up the matter of the erection of a modern court house at the Temple city, to cost about \$25,000. The club guarantees \$5,000 for citizens and asks the commissioners to start work at once.

A bulletin just issued by the Utah state board of horticulture shows that portions of southern Utah are admirably adapted for the cultivation of raisins, and believes that more attention should be paid to this profitable industry.

One-third of the space originally awarded Utah for her mineral exhibit at the St. Louis World's fair has been withdrawn by the managers of the fair and a vigorous protest against the action has been sent in by Director General Whitaker.

Alexander de Pallah, a Mexican sheepherder, whose feet were frozen while on the desert west of Ephraim, underwent an operation last week. Gangrene had set in, and to prevent further spread, the toes and a portion of the right foot were amputated.

TAFT'S REPORT.

Past Year in Philippines One of Much Suffering Among the People.

The president on Monday sent to the senate the annual report of the Philippine commission, including the report of the civil governor of the Philippines and the reports of the heads of the executive departments for the period ended December 23, 1903. The report of the commission contains a detailed statement by the auditor for the islands of expenditures under the appropriation of \$3,000,000 for the relief of distress in the islands.

Governor Taft says the year was one of much suffering among the people of the Philippines, on account of a short food supply, but that the worst is passed. While he does not consider the future as bright as it might be, he believes we are beginning an era in the history of the islands which, with the assistance of proper tariff reduction in the United States and proper navigation laws for the islands, will be one of decided material developments.

Speaking of the conditions in the islands, Governor Taft says that at no time has there been less ladronism than when the report was written, December 10, 1903.

THE INTRIGUES IN COREA.

Move to Have American-Educated Prince on the Throne.

One of the intrigues at the Korean court about which Miss Scidmore writes to the Chicago Tribune centers around Prince Eu, whom the emperor's



PRINCE EU

wife, Lady Om, seeks to make successor to the throne in place of the crown prince, who is regarded as a weakling. The subject is made more interesting to Americans by the fact that Prince Eu is being educated in this country, being now at the Ohio Wesleyan university, Delaware, O.

TAFT AT THE HELM.

New Secretary of War Takes the Oath of Office.

At noon Monday William H. Taft of Ohio took the oath of office as secretary of war, in the presence of the members of the cabinet, the general staff of the army and a number of personal friends. The ceremony occurred at the war department. He immediately entered upon his new duties. The ceremony took place in the large reception room attached to the secretary's office in the war department, and the transfer of authority from Elihu Root, the retiring secretary, to Governor Taft, while simply made, was more impressive than any similar event in many years.

BIRTHDAY OF KING OSCAR.

Entire City of Stockholm Rejoices with the Ruler.

The festivities in honor of the seventy-fifth birthday of King Oscar were inaugurated at Stockholm Jan. 21 with special services in all the



King Oscar II

churches. The city was profusely decorated. The king received the congratulations of the royal family, the court officials, the Swedish and Norwegian ministers, the members of the riksdag, and the municipal authorities. The last named presented a contribution of \$40,000 towards the king's jubilee fund for the indigent consumptives of Stockholm.

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